



**MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
State Fire Marshal Division**

STATEMENT of POLICY

Policy #: FP-04 (2007)	Subject of Policy: Buildings of Undetermined Use: MSFC 903.3.1.4		
Approved By: Jerry Rosendahl	Title: State Fire Marshal	Effective Date: July 10, 2007	

APPLIES TO:

Fire Safety Supervisors and Inspectors, Fire Protection System Supervisors, Inspectors and Plan Reviewers, Fire Protection System Contractors, Designers and Installers.

PURPOSE:

To clarify MSFC (07), section 903.3.1.4, concerning “Buildings of undetermined use.”

There have been numerous questions concerning the above amendment, specifically as to the type of occupancy the amendment applies to.

MSFC (07) Section 903.3.1.4 was intended to apply to “speculative” factory, warehouse and high-pile storage type occupancies, the final use of which was unknown at the time of construction. These occupancies could potentially provide storage for everything from pallets to high piled / rack storage of a wide variety of materials of varying hazards.

It was **NOT** the intent of this amendment to apply to obvious speculative office space (Light Hazard) or strip shopping malls that are clearly mercantile (Ordinary Hazard) in design and function.